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FONOFF OFFICIAL, IN SEQUEL TO REMARKS REPORTED REFTEL PARAGRAPH 2 SAID LAST EVENING THAT HE BELIEVED WESTERN RESPONSE TO SOVIETS SHOULD SAY IN EFFECT "IF YOU CARRY OUT YOUR INTENTIONS RE BERLIN IT MEANS WAR". HE SAID SUCH REPLY WAS NO DOUBT OPEN TO CRITICISM OF BEING EXTREME BRINKMANSHIP, BUT HE BELIEVED UNLESS THIS WAS DONE AND WESTERN PREPARATIONS DURING REMAINDER OF SIX MONTHS PERIOD DEMONSTRATED WEST MEANT WHAT IT SAID, ONE OF TWO THINGS WOULD HAPPEN, (A) WAR OR (B) WESTERN CLIMB DOWN, PERHAPS CAMOUFLAGED AT FIRST BUT AMOUNTING TO YIELDING TO SOVIETS ON BERLIN ISSUE WITH ULTIMATE LOSS OF BERLIN AND WEST GERMANY. BY PREPARATIONS HE SAID HE MEANT PREPARATIONS FOR NUCLEAR WAR, I.E.; DEEP SHELTERS, ORGANIZING FOR REMOVAL OF PEOPLE FROM POPULATION CENTERS, ETC. FONOFF OFFICIAL EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WAS ONLY HIS PERSONAL VIEW.

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